

prep sports

Longhorns to initiate league play

The Basalt High School basketball teams — girls and boys — resume action this week following the Christmas holidays.

Coach Roger Duroux and his Lady Longhorns play a pair of traditional opponents this weekend before opening league play next weekend.

The Longhorns compete in Class A, Division A-I. The Horns compete in District 7 of Division A-I, in a conference formerly known as the Colorado-Gore League. Basalt competes in the Western Division of the league, along with Rangely, Grand Valley, Plateau Valley and DeBeque.

DeBeque officially is a member of Division A-II. But the Dragons were approved to play a regular-season schedule in Division A-I. The Dragons then fall back to Division A-II for sub-district, district and state playoffs.

This week, the Lady Longhorns entertain Roaring Fork School District RE-1 rival Glenwood Springs in a game Thursday night, Jan 4, at Basalt High School.

The junior varsity game is scheduled for 6 pm with the varsity game to follow.

On Saturday, Jan 6, the Lady Longhorns make their tradition-

al trip to Grand Junction to play Ridgway.

The Longhorns boys team also will make the traditional trip to Grand Junction to face the boys' team from Ridgway. The schools have been meeting in Grand Junction for the traditional post-Christmas games for the past six years.

"Right now, we're so young that improvement is the key thing," said Duroux of his girls' team that is 1-4 thus far.

"It's always good to get any kind of win. And it was good for us to beat Aspen. We've really become rivals with Aspen," Duroux said.

The Longhorns' lone victory was a 51-43 win over the Lady Skiers in the second round of the Basalt tournament.

The Longhorn losses included a defeat at the hands of powerful Meeker right before the Christmas break.

"We're still improving and getting better. Now we're ready to see some league games," Duroux said.

He added the Christmas break should help his team's illness situation. Several of his varsity and junior varsity players were stricken by the flu and colds just prior to Christmas.

Hopefully, Duroux said, most everyone will be healthy to start the second half of the season.

Following this week's non-league games, the Lady Longhorns start conference play Jan 13 at Grand Valley.

Key games upcoming for the Lady Longhorns include a Jan 26 home game against Plateau Valley. The Horns make the return trip to Collbran on Feb 24.

The Basalt boys' team, 2-4, is coming off a pair of strong showings. In one match, the Longhorns of coach John Crowley edged rival Meeker 61-55.

The Longhorns closed out the 1989 portion of their schedule with a 76-54 loss to powerful Aspen.

The Skiers, led by Todd Hickman's 29 points, improved to 5-2 overall with the win over Basalt before Christmas.

The Skiers, one of the early surprises in the Class 2A Northwestern League, trail only the powerful Steamboat Springs, Moffat County and Glenwood Springs teams in the NWL standings.

The Basalt boys return to action with the Saturday, Jan 6 game against Ridgway at Grand Junction.

The Longhorns then reopen league play at Grand Valley on Jan 13. On Jan 19, the Basalt boys travel to Rangely. Home games follow on Jan 20 (Sorocho) and Jan 26 (Plateau Valley).

High school basketball

Northwestern League Boys Basketball			Northwestern League Girls Basketball		
	League	All		League	All
Steamboat Springs	4-0	5-1	Roaring Fork	4-0	7-0
Moffat County	3-1	5-3	Moffat County	3-1	5-2
Glenwood Springs	3-1	4-3	Rifle	3-1	6-2
Aspen	2-2	5-2	Steamboat Springs	2-2	3-2
Eagle Valley	2-2	4-2	Glenwood Springs	2-2	3-3
Rifle	1-3	4-4	Eagle Valley	1-3	1-5
Roaring Fork	1-3	2-4	Aspen	1-3	1-6
Battle Mountain	0-4	0-6	Battle Mountain	0-4	1-5

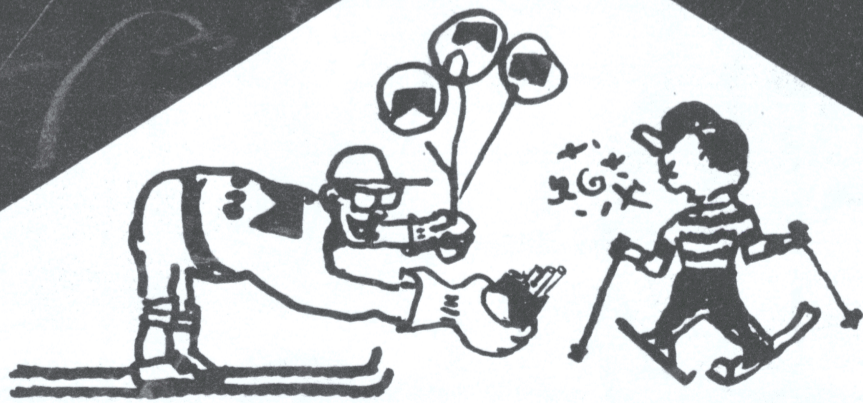
Latest Results		Latest Results	
Aspen 64, Eagle Valley 62	Palisade 77, Battle Mountain 76 (OT)	Aspen 41, Eagle Valley 34	Glenwood Springs 68, Battle Mtn 25
Glenwood Springs 88, Battle Mtn 82 (OT)	Moffat County 77, Roaring Fork 72 (OT)	Roaring Fork 74, Moffat County 55	Rifle 60, Steamboat Springs 47
Steamboat Springs 70, Rifle 65	Aspen 76, Basalt 54	Hotchkiss 61, Aspen 54	
Aspen 76, Basalt 54	Roosevelt, Utah 86, Moffat County 66		

Upcoming Games		Upcoming Games	
Friday, Jan 5		Thursday, Jan 4	
Glenwood Springs at Rifle	Steamboat Springs at Battle Mountain	Glenwood Springs at Basalt	
Eagle Valley at Moffat County		Friday, Jan 5	
Saturday, Jan 6		Rifle at Glenwood Springs	
Roaring Fork at Meeker	Cedaredge at Glenwood Springs	Battle Mountain at Steamboat Springs	
Sorocho at Eagle Valley		Moffat County at Eagle Valley	
Friday, Jan 12		Saturday, Jan 6	
Aspen at Moffat County	Rifle at Battle Mountain	Eagle Valley at Sorocho	
Eagle Valley at Roaring Fork	Steamboat Springs at Glenwood Springs	Roosevelt, Utah at Moffat County	
Saturday, Jan 13		Friday, Jan 12	
Aspen at Roaring Fork	Battle Mountain at Steamboat Springs	Moffat County at Aspen	
Moffat County at Eagle Valley	Rifle at Glenwood Springs	Battle Mountain at Rifle	
		Roaring Fork at Eagle Valley	
		Glenwood Springs at Steamboat Springs	
		Saturday, Jan 13	
		Steamboat Springs at Battle Mountain	
		Eagle Valley at Moffat County	
		Glenwood Springs at Rifle	
		Tuesday, Jan 16	
		Roaring Fork at Aspen	

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